In the 90s, an editor responding to a question from a corporate VP saying that we had pictures of black people in the newspaper - and showing them the college football photos on the sports pages.
In the early half of the 1900s, The Daily Sentinel’s Publisher & Editor was a member of the KKK.
When the tragedy of Columbine happened new reporters assumed the location of the incident was incorrect. It was assumed that the tragedy occurred at an “urban” school.
Vague descriptions of crime suspects that only rely on race, e.g. "The suspect is a black man around 6-feet tall" essentially criminalizes every Black person in the area.
Not having Black reporters in newsroom, but often asking for sources and information from Black community.
I hear from time to time, that we really only photograph Black neighborhoods/communities when there’s been a shooting... and that there’s no long-term relationship building between the newsroom and Denver’s Black communities.
Continually focusing on "achievement gap" in test scores, not recognizing many tests are inherently biased, not focusing instead on "opportunity gaps."
Using imprecise or misleading language to describe events (ie using the term “riot” vs “protest”).
When on the news they go out of their way to describe an assailant as Black, especially a Black male, but rarely do the same for white assailants. And I’m saying this as a former TV producer!
Public and community have failed in developing structures that actively support and develop Black leadership within all levels of our organizations, including editorial and decision making roles within news departments.
In stories, identifying when people are Black or brown but not when people are white. This assumes that white is "normal" but all others are not. This is especially harmful when the stories involve crime.
Crime reporting in general on TV and in the local news and publishing mugshot galleries for clicks
In general, lacking historical context when covering protests, health, economics, drug policy, etc.